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This past July 18th weekend, a high-level meeting was held and dubbed as "Belize-Mexico Integration Talks", with a delegation from Mexico and Guatemala, the proposed extension of the $28.5 billion rail line, linking Belize and Guatemala, was central to the discussions. This is considered a "Game changer "for Belize along with the Zaragoza bridge infrastructure project that will connect Cancun to Ambergris.These transformative joint projects were reflective of the historically, strong, existing relationship between Belize and Mexico. Notwithstanding, the touristic value of this megaproject to Belize, the intrinsic benefits of connectivity regarding the movement of cargo and trade are commensurable.

Pre-Belize Investment Summit Media Luncheon

Incidentally, the tri-national meeting preceded the Belize Investment Summit 2025 which is slated for the first week of September under the theme "***Bridging Markets, Building Resilience***".In her remarks at the official media session for the summit, the CEO of the Office of the Prime Minister, Narda Garcia emphasized "*the importance of connecting markets and building economic partnerships, particularly in the context of Belize's strategic location as a hub for trade and commerce*." Belize has realized that in the era of globalization challenges and the present market shifts due to the President of the United States, Donald Trump's implementation of tariffs, the country needs to create new markets for attracting major investments. Intuitively, the government understands that improving connectivity will transform the region and foster economic growth. Tren Maya is the bridge and Belize is the link for the connectivity to the region.

By Hilly Bennett

Considerations were made during the meeting regarding other projects of cooperation, Ecological and Cultural; Migration, Border Management and Security; Economic, Trade, and Investment Collaboration. A task force will lead the charge of further discussion and coordination of the projects. And technical committees will be convened to oversee the project design, planning and implementation details to ensure that the projects are executed efficiently and effectively. Guided by its PlanBelize 2.0 mandate the PUP Government, the John Briceño administration is steadfast in implementing a foreign policy that advances Belize's development, "Bridging Markets, Building Resilience."

UNVEILING Bust of the Father of the Nation George Price At the Halls of Heroes of the OAS offices in Washington, DC

"As we unveil this bust, we do more than honour a great Belizean..." – Foreign Minister Francis Fonseca

July 21, 2025 - Today we are experiencing the internationalization of Belize deeply out into the global sphere beyond the obvious physical presence. When you think of countries, you probably have the name of a person who embodies that nation's history and their character. Time changes a nation but a nation's icon(s) persists and morphs due to inevitable and uncontrollable factors. George Price is our icon and our collective chests embolden with pride when we hear his name mentioned especially at foreign forums. Our Belizean pride will multiply even greater as his image is preserved for posterity.

In a truly deservedhonour to Belize's "Father of the Nation", a bust of our Right Honorable George Price, was unveiled in Washington, D.C., USA.Hon. Francis Fonseca alongside the Secretary General of the OAS, H.E. Albert Ramdin unveiled a bust of the Rt. Hon. George Cadle Price at the Hall of Heroines and Heroes of the Americas. This is a proud moment honouring the Father of Belize's Independence and his enduring legacy of peace, regional unity, and democracy. In his remarks, Foreign Minister Fonseca highlighted: "…as we unveil this bust, we do more than honour a great Belizean; we renew our collective commitment to the ideals he lived by. May his likeness stand here as a quiet reminder that peace is possible, leadership can be moral and that a dream of a better world begins with each of us."

In a significant part of the same DC schedule Minister Fonseca meet with his Guatemalan counterpart, Carlos Ramiro Martinez Alvarado. The discussions centered on key areas of mutual interest, including trade, regional cooperation, and ongoing efforts to strengthen bilateral relations. Crucially, both Ministers reaffirmed their unwavering commitment to the peaceful resolution of the territorial, insular, and maritime dispute currently before the International Court of Justice (ICJ). Incidentally, Monday November 24, 2025was announced as the date for the beginning of the hearings on the Belize v Honduras case at the ICJ.

Also, earlier on the same day, Foreign Minister Fonseca held a productive meeting with OAS Secretary General Albert Ramdin. Their discussions covered key hemispheric priorities, Belize's continued support for the work of the

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EDITORIAL

THE ECONOMIC HUB

Belize's ancient, Colombian, Colonial, and Post-Independence history has irrevocably drawn a pathway that has led its people to where they are today. Excuses or theories can abound as to why Belize is underpopulated, why it is less developed/populated than our neighbours, and why Belize seems to have struggled to keep up. For Belizeans in 2025, those questions are more like topics of discussion as we move forward with planBelize 2.0, a comprehensive policy that encompasses economic, social, and environmental strategies. Today, we recognise that a monumental shift occurred in 2020, and there is no turning back. Today, we know that 400,000 Belizeans can work alongside 185 million Central American friends and cooperate with 130 million Mexican friends. Today, we know that we can win a sports game in a real competition and beat the likes of Brazil, with 210 million people.

Additionally, Destiny has proven to us that we have world-class beauty and brains as well, in winning the coveted Miss Earth pageant, a testament to our environmental stewardship and beauty. Our Prime Minister, John Briceño, has been invited to deliver best practice presentations all over the world, showcasing our innovative policies and strategies. These presentations have included trips to the USA, Korea, Taiwan, various European countries, Africa, South America, Mexico, and, of course, to the Caribbean and Central America. The world wants to know how we sprang off of Covid-19 without the dive.

The rationale for the meteoric popularity of our country includes the world-class negotiation of the Blue Bond, a significant financial instrument that has allowed us to invest in sustainable development projects, followed by Hemisphere-leading GDP growth, both of which have arguably resulted in record-level unemployment. Let's note here that none of this is in isolation from the robust PlanBelize 2.0 policy. The world and the region look at us as an example to follow because of what we have done with the National Health Insurance and Health in General, Cost-Saving yet Climate Resilient Infrastructure, Social Justice in the Distribution of Thousands of Lots, Education Upliftment Programme where it matters most, Overhaul of the Justice System creating the Senior Court, Fortification of the MSME business model with the protection of law, Creation of Thousands of Jobs due to a fertile Business Environment for BPO's, Foreigners don't only visit they come to retire, Agriculture and Tourism needing each other in record numbers, Solar-derived Electric current as a path to Energy Independence, and, most recently, the Billion Dollar Tren Maya plans to lay tracks in Belize as we benefit by literally being a hub from Mexico to Central America and the Caribbean.

All that magnanimous shift and growth have attracted the International Financial Institutions and Foreign Direct Investment. In 2024, Belize saw an increase in FDI, with a record total of $207.25 million in inflows, representing a 38.4% annual increase. This growth was primarily concentrated in real estate, construction, hotels, and restaurants, but also included investments in the business process outsourcing (BPO) sector and aquaculture. Our planBelize government via the Office of the Prime Minister, has actively encouraged FDI as a tool for economic growth, with a focus on attracting investments in sectors like renewable energy, particularly in areas like biomass, hydro, and solar. The Belize Investment Summits of 2021, 2023 and the upcoming version in September of this year are central to this burgeoning level of investments. The theme for this year is "Bridging Markets, Building Resilience", which is being presented as an emphasis on "the importance of connecting markets and building economic partnerships, particularly in the context of Belize's strategic location as a hub for trade and investment." The sub-theme "**Belize: The Nexus of CARICOM, Central America and Southeastern Mexico in the new Global trade era highlights Belize's role as a regional trade and investment hub**, and effulges Belize's economic success.

Belize is proud to present a country whose macroeconomic indicators are grandiose, whilst the microeconomic indicators show that our population has purchasing power greater than at any time in our history. The most recent elections show that the people are in record numbers satisfied with Prime Minister John Briceño and the People's United Party. Today, Belize can handle being the economic hub of the region because our people are working, healthy, and becoming increasingly educated. As a consequence of this, crime is on a downtrend. We all know that keeping crime down and the economy up is an ongoing mission, but we are on the right track.

EDITORIAL

El Centro Económico

La historia antigua, colombiana, colonial y posterior a la independencia de Belice ha trazado de manera irrevocable un camino que ha llevado a su pueblo hasta donde se encuentra hoy en día. Pueden abundar las excusas o teorías sobre por qué Belice está tan poco poblado, por qué está menos desarrollado o poblado que nuestros vecinos y por qué Belice parece haber tenido dificultades para mantenerse al día. Para los beliceños en 2025, esas preguntas son más bien temas de debate a medida que avanzamos con planBelice 2.0, una política integral que abarca estrategias económicas, sociales y medioambientales. Hoy en día, reconocemos que en 2020 se produjo un cambio monumental y que no hay vuelta atrás. Hoy sabemos que 400 000 beliceños pueden trabajar junto a 185 millones de amigos centroamericanos y cooperar con 130 millones de amigos mexicanos. Hoy sabemos que podemos ganar un partido deportivo en una competición real y vencer a países como Brasil, con 210 millones de habitantes.

Además, la SeñoritaDestiny nos ha demostrado que también tenemos belleza e inteligencia de talla mundial al ganar el codiciado certamen de Miss Earth, lo que da testimonio de nuestra gestión medioambiental y nuestra belleza. Nuestro primer ministro, John Briceño, ha sido invitado a dar presentaciones sobre mejores prácticas en todo el mundo, mostrando nuestras políticas y estrategias innovadoras. Estas presentaciones han incluido viajes a Estados Unidos, Corea, Taiwán, varios países europeos, África, Sudamérica, México y, por supuesto, al Caribe y Centroamérica. El mundo quiere saber cómo salimos del Covid-19 sin caer en picado.

La razón de la meteórica popularidad de nuestro país incluye la negociación de talla mundial del Blue Bond, un importante instrumento financiero que nos ha permitido invertir en proyectos de desarrollo sostenible, seguido del crecimiento del PIB líder en el hemisferio, lo que sin duda ha dado lugar a un nivel de desempleo récord. Cabe señalar aquí que nada de esto es ajeno a la sólida política PlanBelice 2.0. El mundo y la región nos ven como un ejemplo a seguir por lo que hemos hecho con el Seguro Nacional de Salud y la salud en general, las infraestructuras rentables y resistentes al clima, la justicia social en la distribución de miles de parcelas, el programa de mejora de la educación donde más importa, la reforma del sistema judicial con la creación del Tribunal Superior, el fortalecimiento del modelo de negocio de las micro, pequeñas y medianas empresas con la protección de la ley, la creación de miles de puestos de trabajo gracias a un entorno empresarial fértil para las empresas de externalización de procesos empresariales, los extranjeros no solo visitan el país, sino que vienen a jubilarse, la agricultura y el turismo se necesitan mutuamente en cifras récord, la electricidad derivada de la energía solar como vía hacia la independencia energética y, más recientemente, los planes del Tren Maya, de mil millones de dólares, para tender vías en Belice, ya que nos beneficiamos al ser, literalmente, un centro neurálgico entre México, Centroamérica y el Caribe.

Todo ese cambio y crecimiento magnánimos han atraído a las instituciones financieras internacionales y a la inversión extranjera directa. En 2024, Belice experimentó un aumento de la IED, con un total récord de 207,25 millones de dólares en entradas, lo que representa un aumento anual del 38,4 %. Este crecimiento se concentró principalmente en el sector inmobiliario, la construcción, la hostelería y la restauración, pero también incluyó inversiones en el sector de la externalización de procesos empresariales (BPO) y la acuicultura. Nuestro Gobierno de planBelice, a través de la Oficina del primer ministro, ha fomentado activamente la IED como herramienta para el crecimiento económico, centrándose en atraer inversiones en sectores como las energías renovables, en particular en áreas como la biomasa, la energía hidráulica y la energía solar. Las Cumbres de Inversión de Belice de 2021, 2023 y la próxima edición en septiembre de este año son fundamentales para este floreciente nivel de inversiones. El tema de este año es «Tender puentes entre mercados, fomentar la resiliencia» que se presenta como un énfasis en «la importancia de conectar mercados y establecer asociaciones económicas, especialmente en el contexto de la ubicación estratégica de Belice como centro de comercio e inversión». El subtema «Belice: el nexo entre la CARICOM, Centroamérica y el sureste de México en la nueva era del comercio mundial» destaca el papel de Belice como centro regional de comercio e inversión, y pone de relieve el éxito económico del país.

Belice se enorgullece de presentar un país cuyos indicadores macroeconómicos son grandiosos, mientras que los indicadores microeconómicos muestran que nuestra población tiene un poder adquisitivo mayor que en cualquier otro momento de nuestra historia. Las últimas elecciones muestran que la población está más satisfecha que nunca con el primer ministro John Briceño y el Partido Unido del Pueblo. Hoy en día, Belice puede asumir el papel de centro económico de la región porque nuestra población trabaja, goza de buena salud y cada vez tiene un mayor nivel educativo. Como consecuencia de ello, la delincuencia está en descenso. Todos sabemos que mantener la delincuencia a raya y la economía en alza es una misión constante, pero vamos por buen camino.

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OAS, and the vital role of multilateralism in addressing regional challenges. Minister Fonseca reiterated Belize's commitment to democratic values, dialogue, and cooperation within the Inter-American system and expressed appreciation for the OAS's ongoing support in the Belize-Guatemala process.

Minister Fonseca also took part in a meeting of the Group of Friends of Belize at the OAS, joined by the Foreign Minister of Guatemala. Belize expressed its profound appreciation for the continued solidarity and support of its partners in upholding peace, security, and development within the region. Fonsecagave thanks for the important work on fostering peace and understanding done at the OAS Office in the Adjacency Zone. Further demonstrating Belize's commitment to deepening its ties with the United States, Foreign Minister Fonseca met with Mr. Lee Lipton, Chief of Staff at the U.S. Permanent Mission to the OAS.

Hon. Francis Fonseca also joined US Secretary of Homeland Security, Kristi Noem, to sign a Memorandum of Cooperation between the Government of Belize and the Government of the United States of America on Enhancing Border Security and Public Safety Cooperation through the Exchange of Information.

In concluding his official visit in Washington, D.C., Hon. Francis Fonseca met with Congressman Brian Mast, Chair, House Committee on Foreign Affairs where they discussed the Belize-Guatemala process, the ongoing security situation in Haiti, the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) and other areas of key interests to Belize and the USA.

ZERO TOLERANCE FOR CHILD ABUSE

Ministry Acts Swiftly in Youth Centre Incident

BELMOPAN, Belize – July 19, 2025 — The Ministry of Human Development, Families and Gender Affairs issued a strong and unequivocal reaffirmation of its *zero-tolerance policy* on corporal punishment and all forms of violence against children, following an incident at the New Beginnings Youth Development Centre involving the alleged physical abuse of a minor by a staff member.

The incident, which occurred on July 15, was immediately brought to the Ministry's attention. In keeping with the Ministry's core principles of child protection and accountability, swift and decisive action was taken to ensure the safety and well-being of the child. The minor was promptly taken for medical attention, and by July 16, escorted to the Hattieville Police Station to provide an official statement. The child's family was immediately contacted and they remain involved in the ongoing process.

In line with internal disciplinary protocols, the officer in question was placed on administrative leave as from the same day and barred from returning to the facility.Administrative proceedings for termination of employment were initiated the next day, July 16. The Ministry has made it clear that abuse of any kind will not be tolerated in any institution under its purview.

"*The safety and dignity of every child in our care is non-negotiable*," stated a Ministry release. "*We acted quickly, not just because of policy, but because it is our moral and legal obligation to protect children from harm*."

This incident stands in stark contrast to past failures, including a tragic fire a few years ago in which young babies perished due to negligence. While that dark chapter was marked by bureaucratic delays and a lack of accountability, this most recent case reflects the Ministry's innovative approach grounded in transparency, swift action, and zero tolerance.

The New Beginnings Youth Development Centre is currently undergoing a comprehensive reform with the support of international partners. This includes the overhaul of outdated policies, introduction of trauma-informed rehabilitative services, and stricter child protection measures. These changes are aimed at not only preventing future incidents but also ensuring that youth in state care receive the nurturing environment they deserve.

The Ministry reiterated that corporal punishment is not discipline—it is violence, and Belize must move forward with systems that protect, uplift, and rehabilitate, not punish and retraumatize. The new policies aim to create safe, structured, and rights-based environments for children in residential care facilities.

This renewed stance underscores Belize's ongoing commitment to international child protection standards and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, to which the country is a signatory.

As the Ministry continues to work with stakeholders—including the Belize Police Department, international child rights advocates, and civil society—to complete the investigation and implement permanent reforms, it calls on all Belizeans to join the effort in building a culture of child safety and zero tolerance for abuse.

"*Our children are not just our future—they are our present,*" the Ministry stated. "*And they deserve to grow up in environments of care, not cruelty; of protection, not punishment*."

The public is encouraged to report any suspicion of child abuse to the Ministry of Human Development's hotline or the nearest police station. Protecting Belize's children is not only a government responsibility—it is a national duty.

Belize National Prayer

Almighty and Eternal God, who through Jesus Christ has revealed Your Glory to all nations, please protect and preserve Belize, our beloved country.

God of might, wisdom and justice, please assist our Belizean government and people with your Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude.

Let Your light of Your divine wisdom direct their plans and endeavours so that with Your help we may attain our just objectives.

With Your guidance, may all our endeavours tend to peace, social justice, liberty, national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety and useful knowledge.

We pray, O God of Mercy, for all of us that we may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the

observance of Your most holy law, that we may be preserved in union and, in that peace which the world itself cannot give.

And, after enjoying the blessings of this life, please admit us, dear Lord, to that eternal reward that You have prepared for those who love You.

Amen.

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BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE

The Development Finance Corporation of Bliss Parade, City of Belmopan, Cayo District hereby gives notice of its intention to exercise its power of sale as mortgagee under Deed of Mortgages or Charges between those hereinafter named and the said Corporation which mortgages or charges are recorded at the Land Titles Unit or the Lands Registry, respectively and that the said Development Finance Corporation will, at the expiration of two (2) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, sell the properties described in the Schedule hereto.

All offers to purchase the said properties must be made in writing to the said Corporation at its Headquarters Office or District Offices.

SCHEDULE

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DATED THIS 10th DAY OF JULY 2025

BELIZE Social Investment Fund

REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS

(Procurement of Works- UB Central Farm Meat Processing Plant)

Country: Belize
Name of Project: Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project (CRESAP)
Contract Title: University of Belize Central Farm Meat Processing Plant
Loan No.: 9347 BE
RFB Reference No.: *CRESAP/UB/W/2025-001*

1. The *Government of Belize has received* financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the *Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project* and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for the procurement of works for: *UB Central Farm Meat Processing Plant.*

2. The *Belize Social Investment Fund now* invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for *the procurement of works for construction of a Meat Processing Plant at the University of Belize Central Farm compound.*

3. Bidding will be conducted through national competitive procurement using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" *2016* ("Procurement Regulations") and is open to all Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.

4. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from *Belize Social Investment Fund, Ms. Jahnina Reyes, procurement.cresap@sifbelize.org* and inspect the bidding document during office hours *8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Belize local time* at the address given below.

5. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before *10:00 a.m. on August 5th, 2025* Electronic Bidding will *not* be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address below on *August 5th, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.*

6. All Bids must be accompanied by a *"Bid Security"* of *5% of total bid amount in Belize Dollars.*

7. "Attention is drawn to the Procurement Regulations requiring the Borrower to disclose information on the successful bidder's beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract Award Notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as included in the bidding document."

8. The address referred to above is:

Belize Social Investment Fund
Attn: Ms. Jahnina Reyes, Procurement Officer
P.O. Box 459, 4253 Hummingbird Highway,
Building C, Belmopan City, Belize
Telephone: +501-822-0239
Email: procurement.cresap@sifbelize.org cc : Jahnina.reyes@sifbelize.org

NOTICE

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE TREASURY BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER 10/2025

Tenders are invited for an issue of Government of Belize Treasury Bills. The amount of the issue will be $64,391,800.00.

The Bills will be issued in electronic form only evidenced by an electronic book entry in the Central Securities Depository (CSD) of the Central Bank of Belize in multiples of $200 and will be repayable at par 91 days after issue. They will be issued on Tuesday, 22 July 2025 and will be redeemed on Tuesday, 21 October 2025.

Each tender must be for $200 or a multiple of $200 and must specify to five decimal places the amount, which is offered for each one hundred dollars face value of the Bills sought.

Members of the public who wish to participate in the auction must submit their bid to the Central Bank of Belize electronically to bids@centralbank.org.bz or at the designated drop off box no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, 18 July 2025.

The Auction in the Central Securities Depository System (CSD) will be opened from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Tuesday 22 July 2025.

Successful bidders should arrange to settle via the Automated Payment & Securities Settlement System of Belize (APSSS).

Bank: Central Bank of Belize
Account: GLICORP0402627

The Government of Belize reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all tenders in whole or in part.

CENTRAL BANK OF BELIZE

Notices are placed on Central Bank of Belize Website (www.centralbank.org.bz)

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Ladyville/ Lord's Bank, Belize District

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1. Parcel No. 5308 Ladyville/ Lord's Bank, Belize District:

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Ladyville/Lord's Bank	16	5308
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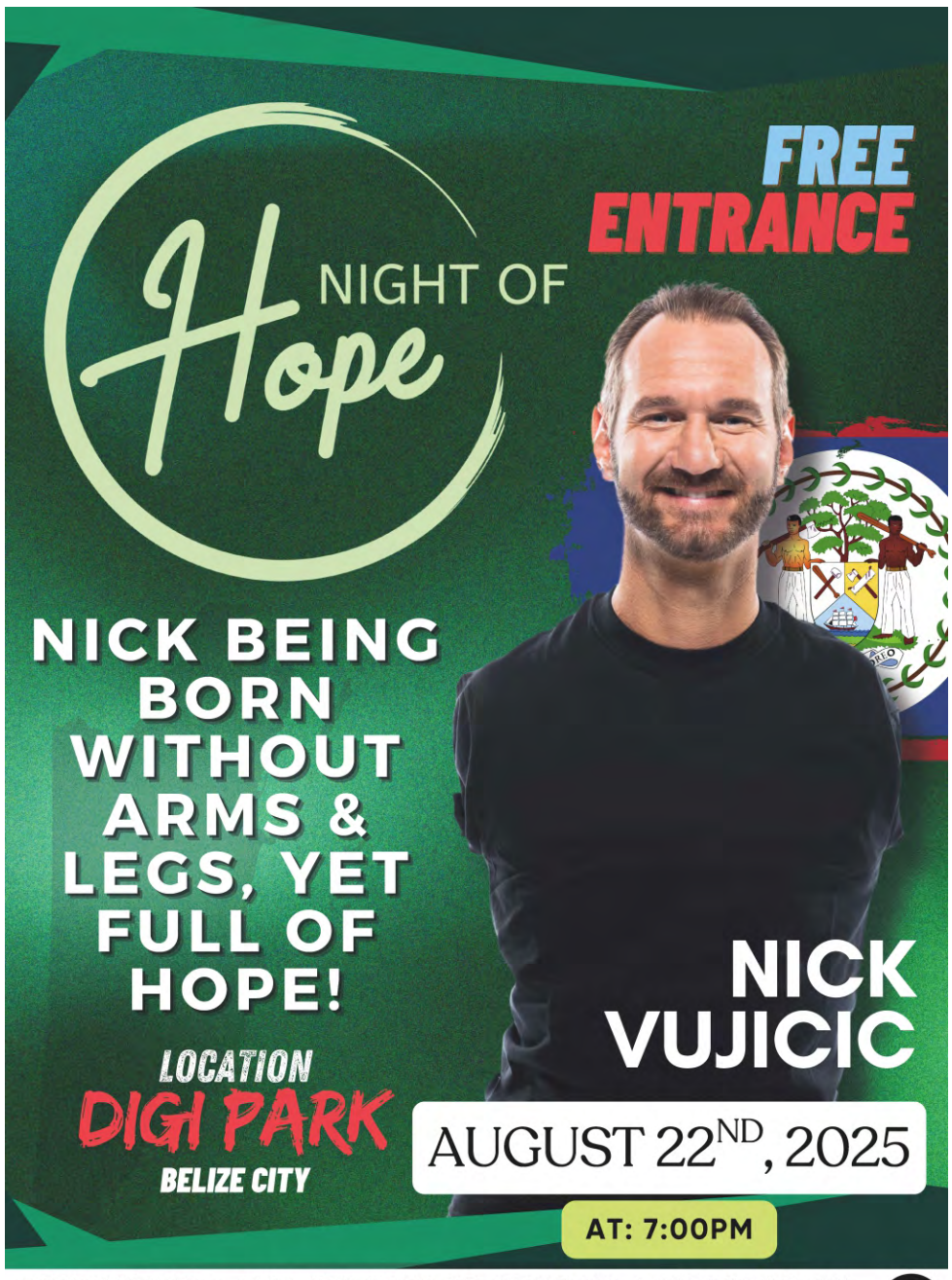
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Hon. Thea's Activities in Corozal Bay

KITSUNE Wins

The Area Representative Thea Garcia Ramirez was proud of the effort placed by all in the What a tournament!

Proud to have been the main sponsor of this incredible showcase of talent, teamwork, and Corozal Spirit.

Congratulations to Kitsune for taking the championship title No Mercy for a strong 2nd, Black Panthers in 3rd, and Corozal Massive for rounding out the top 4!

This tournament was about rebuilding unity, empowering our athletes, and selecting the best to represent Corozal nationally. A solid investment in youth and sports!

Representative Garcia Ramirez: *"Thank you to everyone who came out, cheered loud, and made the finals a night to remember. Corozal, this is what community looks like*."

UWG Appetizer Course

The UWG Appetizer Course brought women together not only to cook, but to connect, create, and celebrate the joy of learning something new.

With the warm and talented Chef Oralia Santos of Munch Box leading the way, participants turned simple ingredients into something extraordinary just like they do in life every day.

Representative Garcia Ramirez: *"Thank you to everyone who made this experience so meaningful. The memories we made are as rich as the flavors we shared*."

Teaching and Learning to save lives too!

During summer is a great opportunity to save lives. What a day! Our Hands-Only CPR & Basic First Aid Training was a summer highlight for the amazing kids and teens who showed up, stepped up, and gained real-life skills that could save someone's life.

The kids spent their Saturday learning how to stay calm, act fast, and be ready in emergencies, and they did it with heart.

Representative Garcia Ramirez: *"Thank you to the Belize Youth Movement – Corozal Chapter and Mr. Javier Canul and his team ABC Life Support for making it hands-on and unforgettable!*

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TENDER INVITATION FOR THE SUPPLY OF EXTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES TO BELIZE WATER SERVICES

Belize Water Services Ltd (BWS) invites firms to tender for the supply of external audit services for the period April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2027.

The detailed requirements can be requested electronically at **tenders@bwsl.com.bz**

The closing date for tender submissions is August 4, 2025, at 4:00pm.

BWS reserves the right to accept any tender or reject all tenders. Please note late tenders will not be accepted.

Belize Water Services Ltd
P.O. Box 150,
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Belize City, Belize District

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees Messrs. Atlantic Bank Limited, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via belizepropertyauctions.com the following vehicle. Sale currently running and will expire fortnightly on the date and time listed on the website until the vehicle is sold.

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The National Women's Commission Calls for Urgent Action to End the Sexual Abuse of Children

In the face of rising concerns and heartbreaking realities, the National Women's Commission is taking a stand against the sexual abuse of children. As an organization committed to protecting the most vulnerable members of our society, we are calling on communities, institutions, and governments to take immediate, coordinated action to prevent abuse, support survivors, and hold perpetrators accountable.

"Child sexual abuse is a silent epidemic that thrives in secrecy and shame,"said Kristina Romero, Chairperson of the National Women's Commission. "We must break the silence, confront the systems that enable abuse, and create a world where every child is safe, heard, and protected."

Key Facts:

Sexual violence is a gross violation of children's rights.

In Belize, between 2023 and 2024, there were 108 reported cases of unlawful sexual intercourse; experts estimate that only50% of child rape is ever reported.

Sexual violence has serious short-and long-term physical, psychological, and social consequences on the victims, as well as on their families and the community as a whole.

Our National Call to Action:

1. **Prevention Through Education**: Implement age-appropriate, evidence-based education in schools to empower children and educate adults.

2. **Support for Survivors**: Increase funding for trauma-informed services, including counselling, legal aid, and crisis intervention.

3. **Stronger Protections**: Advocate for stricter laws, better enforcement, and institutional accountability.

4. **Community Engagement**: Encourage open dialogue, training, and vigilance in every neighborhood, school, and place of worship.

We urge everyone—parents, educators, policymakers, and citizens—to join us in promoting and advocating for the rights, safety, and protection of girls and boys in Belize. Together, we can support survivors and build a future free from abuse. (release)

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1. Wash water storage containers such as drums at least once a week.
2. Change the water in flower pots every 4 or 5 days.
3. Avoid having containers that can collect water and become mosquito breeding sites in your yard.
4. Keep vats, drums, buckets and all other containers that can collect water properly covered.
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(Aedes aegypti) MOSQUITO

BELIZE HOLDS OFF MEASLES THREAT

Zero Deaths, Another Vaccine Added

BELMOPAN, Mon. July 21, 2025 — The Ministry of Health and Wellness (MoHW) has officially announced the successful containment of the recent measles outbreak in Belize, recording *no new cases for over two full incubation periods*. This marks a significant public health victory, especially given the global resurgence of vaccine-preventable diseases.

The measles outbreak, which began in April 2025, was linked to international travel from Mexico and involved 34 confirmed cases across the Corozal and Cayo districts. All individuals affected were unvaccinated, with only one requiring hospitalization. Thanks to swift containment measures, community cooperation, and heightened surveillance, Belize has staved off this crisis without a single death.

This outcome reflects the country's public health lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic. The importance of early detection, rapid response, community engagement, and vaccine access—strategies honed during the pandemic—were crucial in preventing a wider spread of measles. It also reinforces how quickly a disease can cross borders and why vigilance must remain a constant in public health strategy.

"*COVID-19 taught us that viruses don't wait*," a MoHW official release stated. "*Measles may be old, but it is still deadly if left unchecked. What we have learned is that prevention through vaccination remains our most powerful tool.*"

With measles cases rising across the Americas, MoHW is urging parents and guardians to verify that their children are up to date on routine vaccinations—especially the Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) vaccine. Travellers are also advised to check their immunization status and receive the vaccine at least two weeks before international trips.

The MMR vaccine has been proven to provide lifelong immunity and significantly reduce the risk of serious complications such as pneumonia, brain swelling, and even death. Maintaining high vaccination coverage is key to protecting not only individuals but also the wider community—especially those who are too young or medically unable to be vaccinated.

In tandem with its measles response, MoHW also announced the introduction of the Rotavirus vaccine to the National Vaccination Schedule. This move targets another silent but serious health threat—childhood diarrheal disease caused by rotavirus.

Rotavirus is one of the most common causes of severe diarrhoea in young children, often leading to dehydration, hospitalization, and, in some cases, death. The virus is spread through the faecal–oral route, often via contaminated hands, surfaces, or materials. Even with good hygiene, rotavirus spreads easily, especially in child-care settings.

The new Rotavirus vaccine is administered orally in three doses at two, four, and six months of age. It is available free of charge at all public health centres and through mobile MoHW clinics.

Vaccination not only protects the vaccinated child but reduces transmission, safeguarding the wider community. It can help avoid unnecessary hospitalizations and economic burdens on families, while promoting stronger, healthier starts in life.

The Ministry encourages all Belizeans to continue supporting national immunization efforts. Whether it is measles, rotavirus, or any vaccine-preventable illness, staying up to date with vaccinations protects not just individuals but also our most vulnerable citizens.

To learn more or to schedule your child's vaccinations, contact your nearest health centre or call MoHW at 880-2363 or toll-free 0-800-MOH-CARE (0-800-664-2273).

Vaccines save lives—make the call today.

NEW UTVS TO BOOST FIRE RESPONSE CAPABILITIES IN PLACENCIA AND SAN PEDRO

The Ministry of the Public Service, Governance, and Disaster Risk Management is proud to announce the addition of two brand-new Honda UTVs to the National Fire Service's emergency response fleet.

These rugged 4x4 utility vehicles will significantly enhance the capabilities of fire personnel at both the Placencia and San Pedro Fire Stations. The UTVs will allow fire fighters to swiftly transport a portable pump to any accessible water source and pump water directly to the fire truck on scene. This small but powerful addition is expected to cut crucial minutes off fire response times, time that can save property and, more importantly, lives.

The official handing over took place on Friday in Placencia Village, where the Minister of the Public Service, Governance, and Disaster Risk Management, Hon. Henry Charles Usher, presented one of the UTVs to the Officer in Charge of the Placencia Fire Station, Mr. Thomas Morreira. The second UTV was dispatched to the San Pedro Fire Station and received by the Officer in Charge, Mr. Kenneth Mortis.

Given the unique layout of these communities, both UTVs are expected to improve the fire service's ability to access structures located directly on the beach, which are often challenging to reach with traditional fire trucks.

PACT - Adaptation Fund to build Coastal Resilience

BZ$8 million Grant Agreement

Belmopan, Belize, July 23, 2025 —On July 22, 2025, the Protected Areas Conservation Trust (PACT) signed a BZ$8 million grant agreement with the Adaptation Fund to support building climate resilience in coastal communities under its *Enhancing the Resilience of Belize's Coastal Communities to Climate Change Impacts* project.

Financed through the Adaptation Fund's Regular Country Allocation funding window, this program aims to strengthen Belize's long-term capacity to protect targeted coastal communities from climate change impacts. The five-year project will directly benefit 117,823 people and indirectly impact an additional 100,000. PACT will serve as the implementing entity, while the National Climate Change Office, Coastal Zone Management Authority and Institute, Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing, and the Dangriga Town Council will serve as executing entities.

PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

BY ORDER OF THE CHARGEE HOLY REDEEMER CREDIT UNION LIMITED, a Licensed Public Auctioneer will sell on site the following property at the time as listed.

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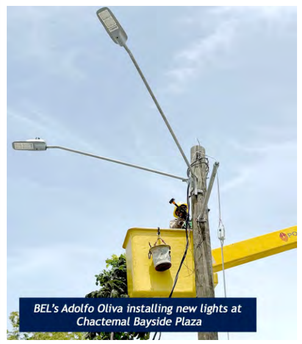
Mayor Rigo Vellos & Councillor Baldemar Pech Jr. expressed gratitude to the BEL team for their community service in Corozal Town

Hon. Marconi Leal, Belize Rural North

200 Purchase Price Letters issued to constituents



BEL's Adolfo Oliva installing new lights at Chactemal Bayside Plaza

Hon. Kevin Bernard, OW East

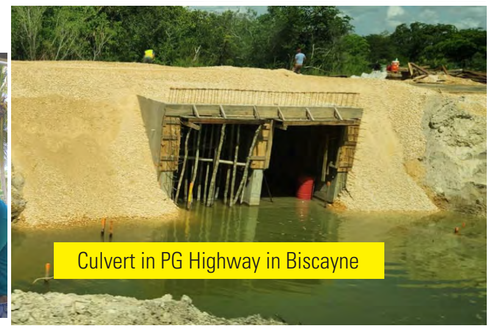
Landscape equipment donation to Santa Martha village

Hon. Julius Espat, MIDH

Constant erecting of signage

Hon. Alex Balona, Cayo Central

Issuing Tilapia ponds



Culvert in PG Highway in Biscayne

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Hon. Mahler's, DYS teaching life skills

Battle of Drums group, preserving Garifuna Culture

Hon. Thea Ramirez, Corozal Bay

Appetizer Training

PM Briceño's, OW Central Coding & Drones

Hon. Bernard's OW East Coding & Drones

Hon. Habet's Cayo Northeast Coding & Drones

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Min. Mira's BDF at Liberty Children's Home

Hon. Garcia Ramirez, Corozal Bay

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'Vamos Bien in 2025'

vamos bien

CARBON PROJECT TO SAFEGUARD BELIZE MAYA FOREST ACHIEVES MAJOR MILESTONE

Validation Unlocks Climate, Biodiversity, and Community Benefits **Belmopan, Belize–July22, 2025-**The Government of Belize (GOB) and the Belize Maya Forest Trust (BMFT) announced today that the country's largest carbon conservation project has successfully completed validation under VERRA's Verified Carbon Standard (VCS) and Climate, Community, and Biodiversity Standard (CCBS), the globally recognized program for voluntary carbon markets. This milestone confirms that the project meets rigorous environmental and social criteria, reinforcing the Belize Maya Forest's critical role in climate resilience, biodiversity protection, and sustainable development.

Developed through a unique collaboration between the GOB, BMFT, and The Nature Conservancy (TNC), the Belize Maya Forest carbon project exemplifies the value of carbon rights and carbon trading. It demonstrates how the conservation of natural ecosystems can create lasting environmental and economic benefits for all partners. The validation confirms the projection of up to 29.8 million high-integrity carbon credits, which will generate essential funding for long-term forest protection and climate action.

As a result of this milestone, and arising from terms renegotiated by the GOB in 2021, after capped deductions for endowment and reimbursable costs in favour of BMFT, the GOB will receive approximately USD equivalent of BZ$1,480,000 in initial proceeds. Furthermore, the partners–BMFT, TNC, and the Government–will work together for the benefit and credit of Belize on the delivery of the proceeds from the sale of the remaining19 milliontons of verified credits over the coming years, generating long-term value for Belize's economy and its people. As part of this achievement, the Belize Maya Forest is now permanently protected, conserving over 87,000 hectares of tropical forest, preventing nearly80,000 hectares of deforestation over40 years, and safeguarding vital watersheds and wetlands.

The Belize Maya Forest project aims to conserve one of the last remaining intact forests in northern Central America, recognized globally as a vital carbon reserve and biodiversity hotspot. It also safeguards critical watersheds and wetlands, enhances the forest's resilience to natural disasters such as storms and wildfires, and preserves habitats for iconic and endangered species, including jaguars and tapirs. Importantly, the project supports and empowers local communities by building their capacity in sustainable land management practices, helping them adapt to a changing climate. Additionally, participatory monitoring systems are being implemented to track carbon storage, biodiversity, and social co-benefits, ensuring transparency and long-term impact.

"The successful validation of this project is a significant achievement for Belize, for BMFT, and for our communities", said Dr. Elma Kay, Managing Director of the Belize Maya Forest Trust."Itreflects years of hard work and a shared commitment to conservation that delivers climate action, biodiversity protection, and tangible benefits to people".

"This is a model for the region and for the world", said Hon. Christopher Coye, Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance. "The Government of Belize is proud to be a partner in this initiative, which not only protects our natural capital but brings real economic value to the country through carbon finance".

The Belize Maya Forest carbon project highlights the impact of natural climate solutions by preventing deforestation, preserving vital water sources for agriculture and food security, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.It sets a powerful precedent for how strategic partnerships among governments, NGOs, and local groups can drive global environmental gains and support sustainable development in climate-vulnerable communities.

The Belize Maya Forest Trust (BMFT) is a non-profit organization established to manage and conserve the Belize Maya Forest, a large tropical forest reserve in northwestern Belize. This organization focuses on biodiversity protection, community-led initiatives in land stewardship, environmental outreach, climate resilience, and sustainable agriculture. The BMFT is part of a larger conservation network within the Selva Maya, the largest tropical rainforest in the Americas north of the Amazon.(release)

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Public Notice

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

New Banknotes to Enter Circulation on 4 August 2025

Belize City, 8 July 2025: The Central Bank of Belize is pleased to announce that the new 2025 banknote series will officially enter circulation on **4 August 2025**.

The new series includes enhanced security features, updated themes, and new portraits, reflecting the nation's heritage and safeguarding the integrity of Belize's currency. While the banknotes will have a new look, the exchange rate remains unchanged at BZ$2 to US$1.

Since the design reveal in January, the Central Bank has been actively engaging schools, businesses, financial institutions, and the public through education and outreach activities. "We have worked diligently to ensure a smooth and secure rollout. We want every citizen to feel confident using the new banknotes," said Governor Kareem Michael.

The new banknotes will be available at all domestic banks on the date of circulation. However, the new banknotes will not be available at all ATMs, as ATMs continue to be configured. All ATMs are expected to begin dispensing the new banknotes shortly after the circulation date.

Existing banknotes will remain legal tender. However, the Central Bank strongly encourages the public to deposit them at their financial institutions, so that they can be phased out of circulation.

We thank the public for their continued cooperation and support as we transition to this new series. To learn more about the new banknotes, visit **www.centralbank.org.bz**.

New Look, Same Value!

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Statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade

Belmopan, July21, 2025.

The International Court of Justice has informed that it has decided to hear Guatemala's application for permission to intervene in the Belize versus Honduras case in oral proceedings scheduled to begin on Monday, November 24, 2025.

On November 16, 2022, Belize requested the International Court of Justice, "To adjudge and declare that, as between Belize and Honduras, Belize is sovereign over the Sapodilla Cayes."

Belize filed its Memorial in May 2023, and Honduras filed its Counter-Memorial in December 2023. The Parties agreed that no further pleadings were necessary.

However, on December 1, 2023, Guatemala applied to intervene in the Belize versus Honduras case. While Belize indicated that it had no objection, Honduras did object, thereby requiring a hearing on that preliminary matter before the substantive cases could proceed.

The Office of the Agent (OOTA) has been working closely with the legal teams engaged for both territorial cases before the Court and will be prepared to effectively represent Belize's interests at the November hearings. (release)

Belize's National Transportation System Stakeholders Unite to Drive Transformative Change

July 18, 2025 - The Ministry of Constitution & Religious Affairs, Indigenous Affairs, and Transportation today hosted the inaugural meeting of the National Bus Company Pro Temp Advisory Committee, marking a pivotal step toward modernizing Belize's national highway bus system.

The Advisory Committee brings together representatives from the public sector, bus operators, the union, commuter groups, and technical experts, fostering open dialogue and collaborative input to guide the implementation of a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) framework. The meeting was productive and forward-looking, with members expressing their commitment to remain actively engaged and to provide technical advice to ensure a modern, efficient, and inclusive transportation network for all Belizeans.

In attendance, from the Ministry, were Dr. Hon. Louis Zabaneh, the Minister of Constitution & Religious Affairs, Indigenous Affairs, and Transportation; Chester Williams, Chief Executive Officer; and Anna Loague, the Director of Policy, Planning, and Research. Also present were Russel Medina from the Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing; Elizer Chi from the Statistical Institute of Belize; Dr. Gilroy Middleton from the University of Belize; OswinBlease, bus operator; Troy Gabb, media host; Roy Briceno from the National Trade Union Congress of Belize; Leroy Martinez from the Ministry of Economic Transformation; and Misty Marin from the Attorney General's Ministry.

The Committee will continue to meet regularly to advance key milestones in the PPP process, ensuring that all stakeholder voices remain central to shaping Belize's transportation future.

Representative Dolores Supporting Education in BRC

In front of the beautiful mural of our national Symbols at Gales Point Government School, Hon. Dolores today handed over schoolbags and school supplies for every student of the school!!

On hand on receive the schoolbags and supplies were five members of the Gales Point Village Council including Chairlady Nadine Moore and Councilor/school Principal Shermadine Samuels along with various students.

What a pleasure to contribute to the education of the children of Gales Point!!

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Institution: MINISTRY OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE, & SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT - GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE.

Tender: The Evaluation and Assessment of the Implementation of the Single-Use Plastics Initiative and Pollution from Plastics Regulations in Belize

The Government of Belize (GOB), through the Department of the Environment under the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change & Solid Waste Management, invites suitable **Consultants** to submit proposals for the Evaluation and Assessment of the Implementation of the Single-Use Plastics Initiative and Pollution from Plastics Regulations in Belize. **This Consultancy is for a consulting team consisting of two (2) individuals and is for a period of fifteen (15) weeks.**

The General Objective of this Consultancy is:

1. Evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of the Environmental Protection (Pollution from Plastics) Regulations and associated licensing, registration, and permitting systems.
2. Assess levels of compliance among stakeholders (importers, manufacturers, distributors, retailers) and illicit trade.
3. Determine the effectiveness of enforcement and oversight mechanisms.
4. Review standards and conformity assessment framework for bio-based products.
5. Analyse impacts from plastic pollution, inclusive of waste volumes and landfill burden; review the import data and compare with initial assessments to determine changes in import patterns, analyse data from clean-up campaigns and reports, and identify whether waste volumes and patterns have changed.

Scope of Work:

The consultancy will undertake a comprehensive assessment, including but not limited to:

The Legal and Regulatory Framework

i. Review the current legislative framework (including licensing, permitting, exemptions, and offences).
ii. Assess alignment with regional and international standards and obligations.
iii. Evaluate the adequacy of definitions and classifications (e.g., biodegradable, compostable, bio-based).
iv. Evaluate and determine the efficiency of the regulation in reducing pollution from plastics

For full Terms of Reference which lists required Qualifications, Required Methodology & Deliverable Timeline, and Submission Procedures, kindly request via email at procurement.asst@environment.gov.bz with a copy to procurement.officer@environment.gov.bz

Deadline for Submission: July 31st, 2025, no later than 10:00 a.m.

Ministry of Investment - Taiwan Technical Mission Advanced Cell Phone Repair Course for Women and Girls

Corozal Town - *July 23, 2025*

The Ministry of Investment, through its Investment Policy and Compliance Unit (IPCU), in collaboration with the Taiwan Technical Mission, and the Ministry of Human Development, Family Support & Gender Affairs, through the National Women's Commission, launched phase two, an advanced course of the project, "Cell Phone Repair Training for Women in Belize."

After the rollout of cell phone repair training to the south, west, and east of the country, the course is returning to its original start location, the Corozal District. With the success of the 2024 cohorts in Corozal and Orange Walk, an advanced training was proposed to re-engage the 15 women who remain active and dedicated in the tech-repair business. Gaining access to more advanced technological skills will make these women more competitive in the market for more complex cell phone repair services.

This advanced course will enhance proficiency in micro-soldering, short-circuit diagnostics, and chip-level repairs. Participants will gain practical experience in firmware repair, data recovery, and system unlocking. Hon. Thea Garcia-Ramirez underlined her commitment to women gaining equitable opportunities for immediate social mobility and emphasized the significance of women's economic independence.

Present at the opening of the training were Hon. Thea Garcia-Ramirez, Minister, Ministry of Human Development, Family Support & Gender Affairs; His Worship RigoVellos, Mayor, Corozal Town; Mr. Andrew Su, Chief of the Taiwan Technical Mission in Belize; Ms. Shajarie Rogers, Commissioner, National Women's Commission; Mr. Daryl Manzanero, Investment Policy and Operations Officer, Investment Policy and Compliance Unit; Ms. Indira Usher, Foreign Service Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Culture & Immigration; Mr. Abisur Quintal, Instructor, Jarvis Fix; and Mr. Alciro Noriega, Manager, Corozal ITVET. (release)

13th Amendment Second Public Consultation in Belmopan

The Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives invites the general public to a second Public Consultation on the Belize Constitution (Thirteenth Amendment) Bill, 2025.

This consultation forms part of the Committee's ongoing effort to promote public awareness and engagement in the legislative process, as provided for under Section 69 of the Belize Constitution. Date: Wednesday, 30th July 2025 Time: 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Venue: Conference Center, University of Belize, Belmopan

All interested persons are encouraged to attend and contribute to the discussion by sharing their perspectives concerns, or recommendations on the proposed constitutional amendment.

Written submissions will continue to be accepted until Monday, 26th August 2025. Submissions should be addressed to the Clerk to the National Assembly and emailed to ClerkNA@bna.gov.bz. Kindly use the subject line: "Belize Constitution (Thirteenth Amendment) Bill,2025".

The Committee assures the public that all feedback, whether presented in person or in writing, will be taken into full consideration during its review process. (release)

Belize Beef Fest & Rodeo 2025

July 4, 2025

The Belize Live stock Producers' Association (BLPA) is pleased to announce the date for the Belize Beef Festival and Rodeo 2025.The 4th annual event is planned for Saturday, August 16, 2025, at the National Agriculture and Trade Show ground in the City of Belmopan.

BLPA is committed to fostering a positive relationship among its membership, key stakeholders, and Belizean consumers that will build long-term appreciation and support the recognition of the products our Belizean livestock industry contributes to our national food security. The Belize Beef Fest & Rodeo provides an ideal platform to showcase the growth and possibilities of the industry.

This event will showcase prime quality homegrown livestock products that will tantalize the tastebuds of meat lovers who attended while also providing a platform for celebrating Belizean livestock producers, promoting quality livestock genetics, and highlight activities such as the ever-popular rodeo competition and sizzling BLPA grilling challenge which offers a thrilling experience for visitors from near and far.(release)

FREE GUIDE:
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Local Business Owner Shares 20+ Years of Hard-Won Insights
BELIZE CITY - "23 years ago I was sitting in a makeshift office at the old Kiss Hotel, completely lost," says Demian Solano, founder of IdeaLab Studios. "My first client paid me $4,000 to build his website, but I was building a digital brochure, not a business tool."
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34th ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION 2025
Engineering Progress Together: Collective Action for a Connected Region

On Thursday 17, July 2025, at the Best Western Biltmore Plaza in Belize City, under the auspices of Belize Water Services Limited, the Caribbean Water and Wastewater Association (CWWA) launched its 34th Annual Conference & Exhibition 2025 to be held in San Pedro Ambergris from October 20-24, this year. The hosting of the Conference is considered a first to be held on the mainland of Central America and on the Land of the Free by the Caribbean Sea.

Candice Santana President of the CWWA represents a powerful voice for the region and a leadership fit for purpose. That leadership resonated in her presentation at the Media Launch of the 34th annual conference as one that is "*United by one mission to advance the sustainable management of water, wastewater and solid waste for the benefit of our people, the Caribbean development, and of course our environment*."

It was at the 31st CWWA Annual Conference/Exhibition 2022 in the Bahamas when Belize was nominated to host the annual event for the 34th session of the CWWA. The Chairman of Belize Water Services, Cornelio Acosta, headed the delegation at the time. The CWWA conference 2025 is being held under the theme "**Engineering Progress Together: Collective Action for a Connected Region**". In his presentation, Chairman Acosta elucidated that the theme goes far beyond technology and infrastructure. "*It speaks to the heart of regional unity and the belief that real, sustainable progress occurs when we work together-across borders, across sectors and disciplines."* Acosta highlighted some of the challenges that the region is experiencing, such as climate extremes that are threatening the water supply and quality; ageing infrastructure under growing pressure and the ongoing need for innovation, equity and resilience in the systems. He noted that the issues are not unique to any island or territory but are shared challenges and demand shared solutions.

Acosta alluded to the theme for 2025 is building on last year's - " Collective Regional Action Toward a Climate Resilient, Water Secure, and Zero Waste Caribbean." During last year's meeting, there was a call for resilience and water security recognizing to protect the citizens the CWWA must act in unison. Policies were aligned with improved coordination and engaging holistically about waste, water and climate. Chairman Acosta submitted that "*This year, we are moving that vision into the next phase: engineering the solutions - together*."

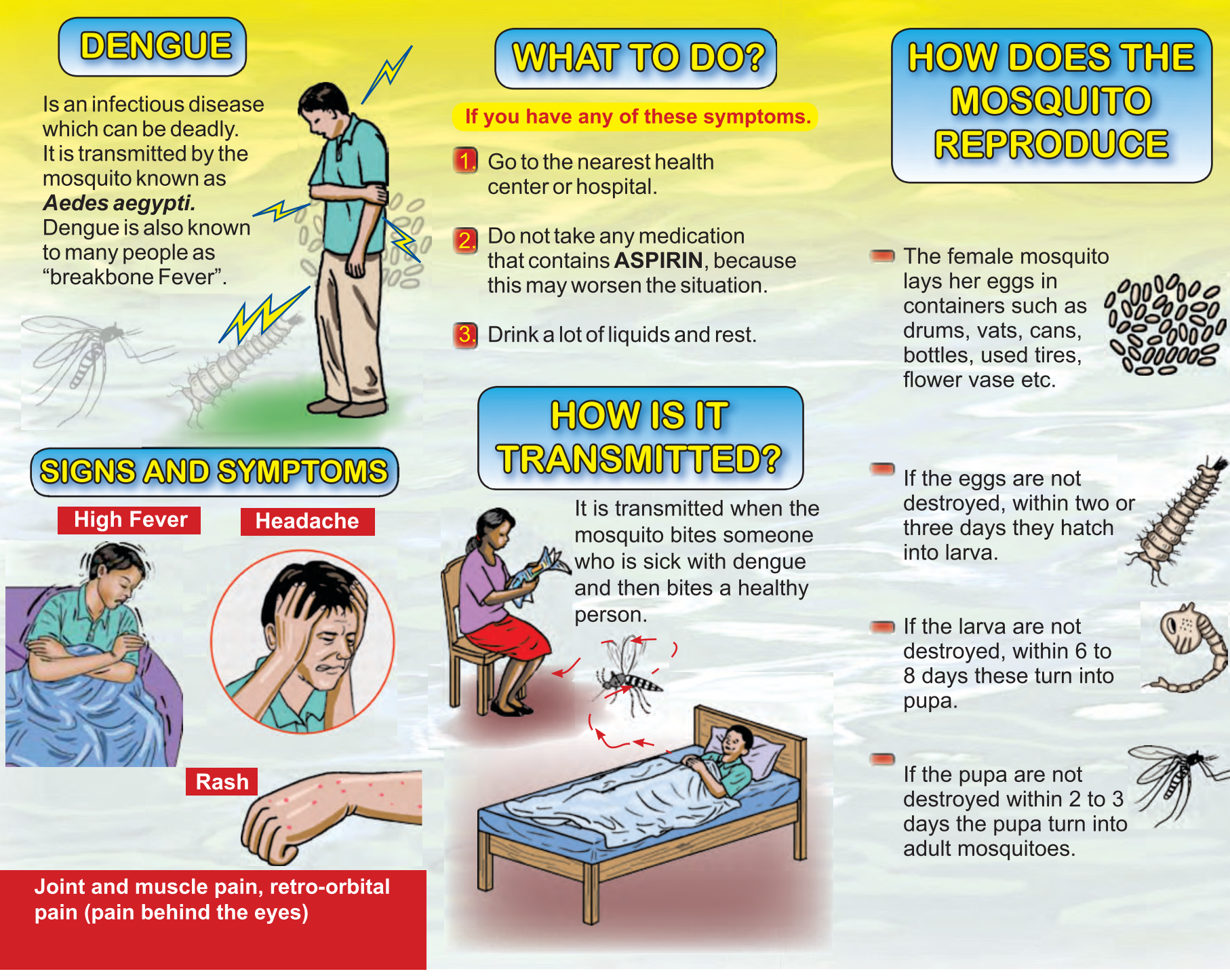
The important objectives are:To co-develop systems that are smart, sustainable, and scalable; to build stronger technical capacity, whilst strengthening community trust and engagement; and, ensuring that no country, nor community is left behind in the realization of progress.

The Chairman of BWSL, Cornelio Acosta highlighted that "*Here in Belize, we take pride in contributing to that collective progress. We've invested in access to clean water, enhancing wastewater treatment and integrating climate-smart approaches in our operations*." Understanding that there is the unavailability of all the answers the CWWA is looking forward to the shared experiences of the participants and to co-creating pathways forward.

In his concluding statement, Acosta stated that "*The 34th Annual CWWA Conference will be more than just a meeting of professionals - it will be a gathering of purpose-driven partners. From technical sessions and innovation showcases and youth forum and policy roundtable, we will come together to build a more connected, resilient and water-secure Caribbean"*

"Let us engineer progress-not apart, but together."

Voice of the Common Man
Hilly Bennett


DENGUE
Is an infectious disease which can be deadly. It is transmitted by the mosquito known as *Aedes aegypti.* Dengue is also known to many people as "breakbone Fever".
WHAT TO DO?
If you have any of these symptoms.
1. Go to the nearest health center or hospital.
2. Do not take any medication that contains **ASPIRIN**, because this may worsen the situation.
3. Drink a lot of liquids and rest.
HOW DOES THE MOSQUITO REPRODUCE
The female mosquito lays her eggs in containers such as drums, vats, cans, bottles, used tires, flower vase etc.
If the eggs are not destroyed, within two or three days they hatch into larva.
If the larva are not destroyed, within 6 to 8 days these turn into pupa.
If the pupa are not destroyed within 2 to 3 days the pupa turn into adult mosquitoes.
SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS
High Fever
Headache
Rash
Joint and muscle pain, retro-orbital pain (pain behind the eyes)
HOW IS IT TRANSMITTED?
It is transmitted when the mosquito bites someone who is sick with dengue and then bites a healthy person.

Belize in Gold Medal Match U-23 Female Volleyball

July 24, 2025 - As we go to print, Belize will be deep into the GOLD MEDAL MATCH with our arch nemesis in sports, Guatemala. The tickets by now, Thursday night, will be sold out at the ticket booth and via KwiqPass App. Those attending are being asked to wear white into total support of our Belizean team at the Civic. Belize has handily beat all other participating Central American teams and are thus undefeated at 3-0 with not sets lost and with a pristine 15 points. Belize needs to win two of the possible five sets to secure the Gold medal with 18 points. Guatemala won a five set victory versus Honduras giving them only 13 total points. So there is work ahead for our girls and they need our energy. Ticket sales are showing their will be enough.

Even as these games wrap up, our Belize U-23 Men's National Volleyball Team will proudly represent us at the 2025 Pan American Cup in Guatemala City!

Team Belize departs on July 27 and will play their first match on July 30. We're incredibly proud of these young men for qualifying and stepping onto the NORCECA international stage.

Let us join together to show our full support!

Good luck Team Belize!

Meet Team Belize!
2025 U-23 Women's Central American Volleyball Championshi
July 20-24, 2025, Belize City Civic Center

Back Row (L-R): Nelissa Ramirez (Assistant Coach); Emaun Marin, Jevia Leslie, Fatima Ramirez, Nisaan Martinez, Herdie Castillo, Blessed Omamurhe, Khaya Gordon, Ziane Henderson, Jose Fontes (Head Coach)

Front Row (L-R): Samantha Jones, Sara Safa, Dasialynn Thurton, Gareth Bruce, Jaycee Usher, Akili Jones

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PUBLIC AUCTION SALES: PROPERTIES

Chunox Village, San Estevan Village, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District; San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, Belize District

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1. Parcel No. 368 Warree Bight/Freshwater Creek, Chunox Village, Corozal District:

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Warree Bight/Freshwater Creek	3	368
The Freehold property of Mr. Rene Tun.		

2. Parcel No. 523 San Estevan Village, Orange Walk District:

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Estevan	1	523
The Freehold property of Ms. Sue Ann Palomo.		

3. Parcel No. 334 Cor. Cactus Street and a Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District:

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Orange Walk Town	4	334
The Freehold property of Mr. Justin and Mrs. Deyanira Palomo		

4. Parcel No. 1500 San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, Belize District:

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Pedro	7	1500
The Freehold property of Ms. Kristy Pisarczyk.		

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GEF6 PROJECT

Vacancies Notice

Institution: MINISTRY OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE.

The **Integrated Management of Production Landscapes to Deliver Multiple Global Environmental Benefits (GEF6) Project** within the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Solid Waste Management (MSDCCSWM) in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is calling for qualified and interested individuals for the Positions of an M&E and Safeguards Specialist, and a Gender Specialist.

- **Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) and Safeguards Specialist:**
  - Responsible for ensuring effective project monitoring and evaluation, compliance with safeguards, and contributing to knowledge management efforts. The primary goal is to track project progress, assess impacts, and ensure adherence to environmental and social safeguards.
- **Gender Specialist:**
  - Tasked with responsibility for the implementation of the Gender Action Plan for the project as well as supporting the MSDCCSWM in promoting gender inclusive approaches in its programs and projects with specific focus on the GEF.

Project Background:

The Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Solid Waste Management (MSDCCSWM) in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is implementing a project entitled "Integrated management of production landscapes to deliver multiple global environmental benefits." This project aims to mainstream biodiversity conservation and sustainable land/water management into production landscapes in Belize, specifically targeting the Belize River watershed (BRW). This initiative, funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and UNDP TRAC, seeks to reverse the fragmentation of forest ecosystems, biodiversity loss, and land degradation within production landscapes in the BRW. The project emphasizes gender equality and inclusive participation, recognizing the crucial role of women in agricultural development and sustainable natural resource management. This project will deliver global environmental benefits (GEB) using a participatory approach that ensures the equal distribution of benefits among men and women, with 1,700 people directly benefiting from the project.

BELIZE INVESTMENT SUMMIT 2025

Media Information Session
Opening Remarks
Chief Executive Officer,
Narda Garcia
23rd July 2025

Good Morning,

Honoured guests, members of the media, colleagues, and partners—welcome to the official Media Information Session for the Belize Investment Summit 2025. Our theme, "Bridging Markets, Building Resilience" emphasizes the importance of connecting markets and building economic partnerships, particularly in the context of Beliz's strategic location as a hub for trade and investment.

As a sub-theme **Belize: The Nexus of CARICOM, Central America and Southeastern Mexico in new Global trade era highlights Belize's roleas a regional trade and investment hub**. The summit aims to attract and promote strategic investment as a key driver of sustainable economic development in Belize.

It is my privilege to stand before you today as we unveil what promises to be yet another transformative event for Belize's economic future. This Summit, as have been the others, is not just a conference—it is a bold statement of our nation's commitment to sustainable development, innovation, and partnership.

Belize stands at a pivotal moment. With our strategic location, vibrant ecosystems, and dynamic workforce, we are poised to become a hub for investment in sectors ranging from green energy and agro-processing to tourism and digital innovation. The Belize Investment Summit 2025 will showcase these opportunities, connecting global investors with local visionaries to build a future that benefits all Belizeans.

Two Keynote/Highlight Speakers for the Opening Ceremony

1) Dr. Ernesto Stein

Distinguished UniversityProfessor in Public Policy, School of Social Sciences and Government, School of Government and Public Transformation

Expertise: Economicdevelopment, International trade, Productive development policies, Political economy of policy making

Dr. Ernesto Stein was the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) representative in Mexico, where he guided all the activities of the IDB Group (public and private side) in the country with a focus on reducing regional gaps and fostering economic development. With a career spanning almost 30 years at the IDB, Ernesto Stein held different roles, including principal economist at the Research Department and regional economic advisor for Central America, Mexico, Panama, and the Dominican Republic.

He has also been a Growth Fellow at Harvard University's Centre for International Development.

His research primarily focuses on areas critical to economic development and policy. These include international trade and integration, foreign direct investment, productive development policies, institutional economics, and political economy.

He has authored or edited over 12 books and contributed to more than 40 articles in edited volumes and refereed journals such as the Journal of International Economics, the Journal of Development Economics, Economic Policy, Economics and Politics, and the American Economic Review (papers and proceedings), among others.

Ernesto Stein joined Tecnológico de Monterrey as Distinguished University Professor in Public Policy for the School of Social Sciences and Government and the School of Government and Public Transformation.

Education and Training: Ph.D., Economics, University of California, Berkeley; B.A., Economics, University of Buenos Aires

2)Renowned Executive Chairman of Sandals International Mr Adam Stewart will be our highlight speaker

Adam Stewart (born January 27, 1981) is a Jamaican businessman. He is the Executive Chairman of the Caribbean-based resort company Sandals Resorts (SRI) and Beaches Resorts, President of the Sandals Foundation, and Executive Chairman of the ATL Group, a Jamaica-based automotive, commercial, and domestic appliance distributor. Stewart founded Island Routes Caribbean Adventures.

The University of the West Indies (The UWI) has listed Stewart for an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree for his family's contributions to the tourism and travel industry throughout the Caribbean. He sits on the executive committee of the World Travel & Tourism Council (WTTC), and was appointed as an Ambassador and Special Investment Envoy for Jamaica in 2023.

Stewart was born on January 27, 1981, in Kingston, Jamaica, the same year that his father, Gordon "Butch"Stewartpurchased his first hotel and launched the Sandals Resorts chain.

Stewart was raised in Jamaica. He attended high school at St. Andrew's School in Boca Raton where he met his late wife, Jill. He graduated from Florida International University's Hospitality Management Program in Miami, Florida.

Stewart will be speaking to the summit attendees at the opening ceremony on the topic "Redefining the Luxury Experience". He will also lead a fireside panel …The Keynote Topic for the Fireside is "The Future of Luxury Tourism: Innovation, Sustainability, and Unparalleled Experiences". Certainly, a very interesting topic for our tourism sector.

To our media partners—you are the bridge between this vision and the world. Your role in amplifying Belize's story, our potential, and the concrete opportunities ahead is invaluable. Today, we'll share key details about the Summit's agenda, participating leaders, and the exclusive initiatives to be unveiled.

Before we proceed, I extend my deepest gratitude to our collaborators—both public and private sector—who have worked tirelessly to make this Summit a reality. Together, we are shaping an inclusive, prosperous Belize.

Now, let's dive into the exciting roadmap for the Belize Investment Summit 2025.

Thank you!

BRIDGING MARKETS, BUILDING RESILIENCE

Belize Investment Summit Set to Deliver Major Economic Win Under Briceño Administration

July 23, 2025 — With just weeks to go, the Belize Investment Summit 2025 is shaping up to be a pivotal moment for the nation's economic trajectory. Set for September 3–5 in San Pedro, the third edition of this high-profile biennial summit, spearheaded by the Office of the Prime Minister and the Ministry of Investment, is poised to deliver yet another major success under the Briceño Administration.

Building on the momentum of the 2021 and 2023 summits, this year's event is being held under the theme **"Bridging Markets, Building Resilience,"** with a powerful sub-theme that positions Belize as **"The Nexus of CARICOM, Central America, and Southeastern Mexico in a New Global Trade Era."** From foreign direct investors to small business entrepreneurs, Belize is once again opening its doors to opportunity and innovation.

Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño, in a message to the media, emphasized the country's unique positioning as a regional trade and investment hub. "Belize stands as a beacon of opportunity," the Prime Minister stated. "With bold reforms, policy enhancements, and a thriving workforce, we are building an inclusive and resilient economic strategy rooted in transparency and innovation."

The Summit will feature keynote addresses from the Prime Minister himself, Dr. Ernesto Stein of the Instituto Tecnológico de Monterrey, and Mr. Adam Stewart, Executive Chairman of Sandals Resorts International. Stewart is expected to deliver a compelling fireside chat on **"The Future of Luxury Tourism: Innovation, Sustainability, and Unparalleled Experiences,"** which will resonate deeply with Belize's growing tourism and hospitality sector.

The event will also highlight high-potential investment sectors including Agribusiness, Renewable Energy, Tourism, the Blue Economy, and Digital Services, with presentations, expos, and business matchmaking sessions providing direct access to investment-ready projects.

According to **Lincoln Blake**, Director of Investment Policy & Compliance, the Summit has grown from 300 to 500 attendees, underscoring its increasing impact. "The summit has created an environment where investors and senior government officials can engage directly to turn conversations into concrete investments," he noted. Foreign direct investment has been steadily climbing since 2021, and the summit continues to serve as a fertile ground for both international and local investors to connect, innovate, and grow.

Mrs. Narda Garcia, CEO in the Office of the Prime Minister, echoed the message of connectivity and partnership, stating, "This Summit is not just a conference—it is a bold statement of our nation's commitment to sustainable development, innovation, and partnership."

Notably, the Summit also fosters opportunities for small businesses. Many Belizean entrepreneurs attend not just to pitch, but to network, gain exposure, and draw inspiration from global business leaders and sectoral experts. The summit's investment expo and B2B/B2G networking sessions open critical doors for Belize's micro, small, and medium enterprises to link with potential partners, financiers, and markets.

The Belize Investment Summit has now become a flagship economic achievement under the Briceño administration, standing tall alongside two other major wins: the groundbreaking debt-for-nature swap and the Blair Athol solar energy project, both of which have elevated Belize's standing in climate finance and energy security.

With participation expected from countries across the U.S., Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean, Europe, Asia, and the Middle East, the Summit is setting the stage for Belize to become a central node in global trade and investment networks.

As the countdown continues, Belize reaffirms: **We are open for business. We are ready to lead. Welcome to Belize—where opportunity meets resilience**.

REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB)

Supply and Delivery of Vehicle – Pickup Truck

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize
Project: Digital Innovation to Boost Economic Development in Belize
Process ID: BL-L1039-P00039
Deadline: **August 4, 2025; 10:00 a.m.** (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize(GOB) has received loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for theexecution of the Project" Digital Innovation to Boost Economic Development in Belize".

The Ministry of Finance, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to allocate a portion of the project's proceedsfor the **Supply and Delivery of one (1) Pickup Truck.**

The Ministry of Finance invites individualsto access the extended version of this Request for Bid (RFB) and Bidding Document, which may be accessed online at https://mof.gov.bz/procurement-opportunities/ or by scanning the QR code below, and to submita pplication packages in accordance with theinstructions provided in the full version.

ATTN: Karon Hamilton
Procurement Specialist
Ministry of Finance
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procurement@ceu.mof.gov.bz

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COUNTRYWIDE PUBLIC AUCTION SALE: VEHICLE

Belize City, Belize District

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2018 Nissan Rogue

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COUNTRYWIDE PUBLIC AUCTION SALE: PROPERTY

Lords Bank Village, Belize District

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Parcel No. 3145 Lords Bank Village, Belize District:

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Lords Bank	16	3145
The freehold property of Mr. Earl Garcia.		

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BY ORDER OF CHARGEE
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SELL

HOLY REDEEMER CREDIT UNION LIMITED a statutory body formed and registered under the Credit Union Act, Chapter 314 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, and whose registered office is situated at No. 1 Hyde's Lane, Belize City, Belize District hereby gives notice of its intention to exercise its power of sale as Chargee under and by virtue of a Charge registered at the Land Registry between **LORE LOREASE BUTLER** of the one part and HRCU of the other part.

HRCU will at the expiration of three months from the date of the first publication of this notice sell the property described in the Schedule below.

ALL offers to purchase the said property must be made in writing to Holy Redeemer Credit Union Limited from whom full particulars and conditions of sale may be obtained.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land comprising 0.787 Acre being Parcel 5293, Block 16 in the Ladyville/Lord's Bank Registration Section located at No. 5293 Lake Gardens, Ladyville, Belize District TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon, the freehold property of **LORE LOREASE BUTLER**

DATED this 7th day of July 2025

HOLY REDEEMER CREDIT UNION LIMITED
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LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICES:

Notice is hereby given that Xinhua Zhuis applying for a ShopLiquor License to be operated at "Golden Sky Store" located at # 32 Cemetery Road, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that Ajay Kumar Nishadis applying for a Shop Liquor License to be operated at "A And A's Take Out Menu" located at # 550 P.G. HWY., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that The Alaskan Ltd. is applying for a Convenience Store Liquor License to be operated at"The Alaskan Ltd." located at # 43 New Road, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that Cayin Huang/Wancheng Zhengare applying for a Shop Liquor License to be operated at "Goodwill Supermarket" located at # 2805 C.A. Blvd., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that Zhihao Dai is applying for a Shop Liquor License to be operated at "BP 2 Store" located at # 3267 Albert Hoy Avenue, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS

SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF COLD STORAGE AND PROCESSING EQUIPMENT FOR THE BELIZE MARKETING & DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (BMDC)

Country: Belize
Project Name: Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project (CRESAP)
Project ID No.: P172592
Loan No.: 9347 BE
Contract Title: Supply And Delivery Of Cold Storage And Processing Equipment
Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): BZ-SIF-469874-GO-RFQ

1. The Government of Belize has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for the procurement of goods ***(48' Cold Storage Reefers, Vegetable Sorters, Vegetable Washers, Industrial Plotters)*** **for the BMDC.**

2. The Belize Social Investment Fund now invites Quotations from eligible Suppliers for the procurement of goods specified in Annex 1 of this RFQ.

3. Comparison of quotations will be conducted through international competitive procurement using a Request for Quotations (RFQ) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" *2016* ("Procurement Regulations") and is open to all Suppliers as defined in the Procurement Regulations.

4. Suppliers interested in receiving the completed Request for Quotation (RFQ) may obtain further information from the Belize Social Investment Fund, during office hours from 08:00 to 17:00, Mondays to Thursdays, and from 08:00 to 16:00 on Fridays. at the address given below.

5. Quotations must be delivered or sent via email to the address below on or before ***10:00 a.m. on August 13th, 2025***. Late quotations will be rejected.

6. All interested eligible firms will be invited to quote through a Request for Quotation (RFQ), which contains the information on the Technical Specifications, Form of Quotation and Draft Contract.

7. The address referred to above is:

Belize Social Investment Fund
Attn: Mr. Orlando Coc, Procurement Assistant
P.O. Box 459, 4253 Hummingbird Highway,
Building C, Belmopan City, Belize
Telephone: +501-822-0239
Email: procurement.cresap@sifbelize.org

REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS

(Supply and delivery of a Server at the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security, and Enterprise (MAFSE) Office in Belmopan)

Country: Belize
Name of Project: Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project (CRESAP)
Contract Title: Supply and delivery of Server at the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security, and Enterprise (MAFSE) Office in Belmopan
Loan No.: 9347 BE
RFB Reference No.: *BZ-SIF-497012-GO-RFQ*

1. The *Government of Belize has received* financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the *Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project* and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for the procurement of goods for: *Supply and delivery of a Server for MAFSE Office in Belmopan.*

2. The *Belize Social Investment Fund now* invites sealed Quotations from eligible Suppliers for *the procurement of goods for supply and delivery of a Server for MAFSE Office in Belmopan.*

3. **List of Goods and Delivery Period**

Line Item N°	Description of Goods	Quantity required	Physical unit	Named Place of Destination (for CIP and EXW)	Place of Final Destination (Project Site)	Applicable Incoterms (e.g. CIP, EXW)	Delivery Period from Date of Contract Signature	Delivery Period from Date of Contract Signature (*proposed by the bidder*)
1	**Server (Base Power Edge R760 Server210-BDZY1)**	**1**	**Yes**	**Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and Enterprise (MAFSE), National Show Grounds, Hummingbird Highway, Belmopan.**	**Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and Enterprise (MAFSE), National Show Grounds, Hummingbird Highway, Belmopan.**	CIP for imported goods or EXW for supply from within Belize plus inland transportation and other service as defined in "quoted Price (a) (iii).	**90 days**	

4. Bidding will be conducted through national competitive procurement using a Request for Quotations (RFQ) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" *2016* ("Procurement Regulations") and is open to all Suppliers as defined in the Procurement Regulations.

5. Suppliers interested in receiving the completed Request for Quotation (RFQ) may obtain further information from *Belize Social Investment Fund, Ms. Jahnina Reyes, at procurement.cresap@sifbelize.org*.

6. Quotations must be delivered or sent via email to the address below on or before *3:00 p.m. on August 4th, 2025*. Late quotations will be rejected.

7. The address referred to above is:

Belize Social Investment Fund
Attn: Ms. Jahnina Reyes, Procurement Officer
P.O. Box 459, 4253 Hummingbird Highway,
Building C, Belmopan City, Belize
Telephone: +501-822-0239
Email: procurement.cresap@sifbelize.org cc : Jahnina.reyes@sifbelize.org

THE BTB'S CONTINUED SUCCESS IN MARKETING BELIZE

Belize as a destination was initially touted as a secret that had been best kept. That marketing strategy is still holding but the openness for Belize as a destination to visit, to invest in, to retire at and much more is out there at the fingertips of a google/bing/AI search. Belize thus has largely failed in keeping the jewel a secret. But shhhh, the Belize Tourism Board is not complaining especially since arrivals at the Philip Goldson International Airport busted over the million milestone with eyes set on 2 million and beyond…1.5 million for 2025 is very much achievable with the first four months almost at 5k.

Crime has largely taken the multisectoral strategy as its own but arguably the planBelize 2.0 platform thrives as a multisectoral in its entirety. For example, which came first Tourism numbers success or agricultural success or economic success or job creation success, or Blue Bond success, or Foreign Direct Investment Success or MIDH success or NHI Success or pick another of the Briceño administration's success stories in working along with the Belizean people. Each needs the other.

Ahead is Belize making it again to the Forbes list of retirement destinations. It might be easier to make the list than to sustain Belize's presence in the list as one of the top nations.

"In search of lower costs, a different lifestyle and less toxic politics, more Americans are considering moving abroad. Here are the top 24 countries, and 96 recommended spots, based on costs, amenities, health care, language, crime, climate risk and whether U.S. retirees are welcome."

https://www.forbes.com/sites/williampbarrett/2025/07/19/the-best-places-to-retire-abroad-in-2025/

THE BEST PLACES TO RETIRE ABROAD IN 2025

Excerpts By William P. Barrett, Forbes.com

During their 23 years together and 11 years of marriage, Jeff Hammerberg and Merlin Parker have moved from Colorado to California to Texas, working in real estate. Their last stop was in Austin, a liberal Lone Star State enclave that matched their personal politics. But after five years, as they prepared to retire, Hammerberg, 66, and Parker, 59, concluded it had become too expensive. Moreover, they didn't like the political environment in the rest of the state, or even the U.S. "Being a gay couple, Texas was not very compatible," Parker says. So in March they moved with Wally, their 12-year-old Corgie mix, to Lisbon, Portugal, on the western edge of Europe.

While most Americans remain in the U.S. for their golden years (you can see our new domestic list for Best Places to Retire here), there's growing interest in retiring abroad. A record 712,000 Americans living abroad were receiving Social Security benefits at the end of 2024, up 21% in a dozen years.

Then there's the current divided U.S. political landscape. Traffic to Forbes' 2024 foreign retirement list jumped seven-fold within three days of Donald J. Trump's reelection in November 2024. Some polls have suggested nearly a fifth of those at or nearing retirement age would at least consider a foreign move.

Actually doing it, however, requires lots of research. To help you get started, Forbes offers its list of The Best Places to Retire Abroad In 2025, highlighting 96 places in 24 different countries in four continents, plus islands. Ten of the 24 are in Europe.

In making our picks, we considered relative cost of living; taxes (rarely a bargain); healthcare quality and costs (Medicare can't be used abroad, but medical care and insurance usually are much cheaper outside the U.S.); ease of getting back to see relatives; crime and political instability; and social isolation, especially if English isn't widely spoken and you're not fluent in the dominant language. (Not every foreign country on this list is like Belize, Canada, Ireland or Malta, where English is an official language, or The Netherlands, where an estimated 90% of the population speaks English.)

We also weighed the current ease or difficulty of getting permission to stay in a country. One caution: Evolving U.S. policies and practices when it comes to tariffs, undocumented immigrant expulsions, visas and treatment of visitors at the border, could have an impact on how other nations treat Americans.

This list also takes into account climate change and natural hazard risk abroad. That's the reason the Philippines isn't on the list; the Pacific Ocean island-nation remains No. 1—meaning the worst—by a wide margin among 193 countries on the latest World Risk Report compiled under the auspices of the United Nations. (The U.S. comes in at No. 20.)

Caye Caulker, an island off Belize
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Belize

(the list is alphabetical, visit the site for the rest)

English-speaking Central American country, boasting flora, coral reefs and convenience to the U.S.

Locations: Ambergris Caye, Corozal, Caye Caulker, Placencia
Living Costs: Considerably less than U.S. average
Healthcare: Basic
Gaining Right to Stay: Very easy

The only Central American country with English as its official language, Belize offers retirees a warm, outdoors-oriented environment, including fishing and barrier reef diving. Cost of living is considerably less than the U.S. average. Crime is not a problem except in Belize City. Finding quality healthcare can be an issue; retirees often return to the U.S.—just a two-hour plane ride to Houston—for major medical needs, or to use Medicare. Hurricanes are another problem. The politically stable country attracts retirees with a Qualified Retirement Program that offers permanent residency upon showing just $24,000 in annual income, along with a tax exemption on income from outside the country. Popular venues for retirees include Ambergris Caye, an island 35 miles northeast of Belize City; Caye Caulker, another island just off the coast; Corozal, a mainland city on the Atlantic Ocean near Mexico; and Placencia, in the south. (Forbes.com)

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